

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is a replacement sheet of drawings containing Fig. 27.

Fig. 27 has been amended to change reference characters "B22", "B23" and "B24" to ---B62, B63 and B64---, respectively, for consistency with the specification.

REMARKS

Attached to the present amendment a replacement sheet containing a corrected copy of Fig. 27 is being submitted. Entry of the replacement sheet of Fig. 27 into the present application is respectfully requested in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

In particular, by the present amendment of Fig. 27, Applicants are correcting several minor inconsistencies between the written description of the present application and Fig. 27. In particular, in the data pulse, legends B22, B23 and B24 will have been changed to B62, B63 and B64 in order to be more consistent with the specification at page 51, lines 19, 20 and 25.

Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the present amendment is proper under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 since it does not require any additional search and/or examination on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and does not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. On the other hand, the present amendment merely renders the language of the written description and the illustration thereof in Fig. 27 more self-consistent and thus clearer. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is believed to be appropriate and proper and is thus respectfully requested.

Although the present amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, and although amendments may not be made as a right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants submit that entry of the herein contained amendment is appropriate in order to ensure full consistency between the specification and drawing.

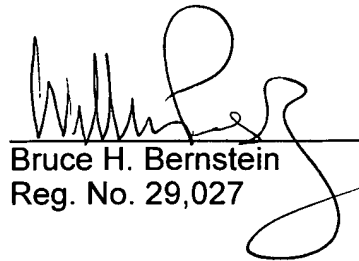
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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to exercise his discretion and indicate entry of the amendments to Fig. 27 contained herein under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. In particular, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner substitute the replacement sheet containing Fig. 27 for the sheet originally filed in the present application.

The changes introduced by the herein contained amendment to Fig. 27 do not continue the prosecution of the application after the issuance of the Notice of Allowance. Rather, these amendments merely enhance and reinforce the clarity of the disclosure of the present application and thus enhance the patentability of the claims previously indicated to be allowable by the Examiner by eliminating minor inconsistencies therein. Accordingly, it is submitted that these amendments are proper for entry in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the present paper or this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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